

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 to 18 (canceled).

19 (new). A support, comprising:

a support part having a top side and an underside and defining at least one locating hole having a hole edge; and

a fixing pin captively disposed in said at least one hole, said fixing pin having:

a bottom insertion section;

a center shank section; and

a top retaining section defining a plurality of retaining teeth of different lengths, said teeth including:

at least one relatively long retaining tooth overlapping said hole edge of said locating hole at said top side; and

at least one relatively short retaining tooth
undercutting said hole edge at said underside.

20 (new). The support according to claim 19, wherein said long retaining tooth has an end and is angled outward at said end.

21 (new). The support according to claim 19, wherein said short retaining tooth has an end and is angled at said end in a manner selected from one of the group consisting of outward and inward.

22 (new). The support according to claim 20, wherein said short retaining tooth has an end and is angled at said end in a manner selected from one of the group consisting of outward and inward.

23 (new). The support according to claim 19, wherein said retaining teeth are elastic.

24 (new). The support according to claim 19, wherein:

said fixing pin has an inside and an outside; and

said long retaining teeth are bent at least slightly outward.

25 (new). The support according to claim 19, wherein:

said locating hole has a hole diameter;

said fixing pin has an inside, an outside, and a
circumferential diameter;

said short retaining teeth are bent at least slightly outward
and have a free end; and

said circumferential diameter at said free end is greater than
said hole diameter of said locating hole.

26 (new). The support according to claim 24, wherein:

said locating hole has a hole diameter;

said fixing pin has an inside, an outside, and a
circumferential diameter;

said short retaining teeth are bent at least slightly outward
and have a free end; and

said circumferential diameter at said free end is greater than said hole diameter of said locating hole.

27 (new). The support according to claim 19, wherein said fixing pin has a cylindrical shank section extending between said retaining section and said insertion section.

28 (new). The support according to claim 19, wherein said center shank section is a cylindrical shank section extending between said retaining section and said insertion section.

29 (new). The support according to claim 19, wherein said insertion section is elastic.

30 (new). The support according to claim 19, wherein said insertion section is recessed over a sectional length by a formation of push-in arms.

31 (new). The support according to claim 19, wherein said insertion section has push-in arms defined by recesses.

32 (new). The support according to claim 19, wherein said insertion section has an end and push-in arms at said end defined by recesses extending from said end toward said center shank section.

33 (new). The support according to claim 19, wherein said insertion section has an end and a bevel directed inward at said end.

34 (new). The support according to claim 19, wherein said fixing pin has pin diameter, a circumference, and at least one prominence on said circumference enlarging said pin diameter.

35 (new). The support according to claim 19, wherein said fixing pin is a one-piece sleeve.

36 (new). The support according to claim 19, wherein said fixing pin has an axial direction and a continuous longitudinal slot running in said axial direction.

37 (new). The support according to claim 19, wherein said fixing pin is held in said locating hole with at least one of a radial clearance and an axial clearance.

38 (new). The support according to claim 36, wherein said long retaining teeth are angled outward to bear against said hole edge of said locating hole when inserted therein.

39 (new). The support according to claim 38, wherein said fixing pin is centered in said locating hole.

40 (new). In a support part having a top side and an underside and defining at least one locating hole having a hole edge, a support connector, comprising:

a fixing pin captively disposed in the at least one hole and having:

a bottom insertion section;

a center shank section; and

a top retaining section defining a plurality of retaining teeth of different lengths, said teeth including:

at least one relatively long retaining tooth overlapping the hole edge of the locating hole at the top side; and

at least one relatively short retaining tooth undercutting the hole edge at the underside.

41 (new). A fixing pin for at least one of positioning and retaining a support part on a mounting part, the support part defining at least one locating hole having a hole edge and the mounting part defining a hole, the fixing pin comprising:

a pin body having:

a retaining section having a plurality of retaining teeth of different lengths for accommodating the hole edge of the locating hole of the support part between said teeth;

an insertion section; and

a center shank section to be inserted into the hole of the mounting part via said insertion section and, thereby, produce a push-in connection between the support part and the mounting part.

42 (new). The fixing pin according to claim 41, wherein the support part is a gasket, and the mounting part is a cylinder head of a piston engine.

43 (new). The fixing pin according to claim 41, wherein:

said plurality of retaining teeth include relatively long retaining teeth and relatively short retaining teeth;

said long retaining teeth have integrally formed lugs; and

at least one of said long retaining teeth and said lugs form a virtually closed ring.

44 (new). A fixing pin for at least one of positioning and retaining a gasket on a cylinder head of a piston engine, the gasket defining at least one locating hole having a hole edge and the cylinder head defining a hole, the fixing pin comprising:

a pin body having:

a retaining section having a plurality of retaining teeth of different lengths for accommodating the hole edge of the locating hole of the gasket between said teeth;

an insertion section; and

a center shank section to be inserted into the hole of the mounting part via said insertion section and,

thereby, produce a push-in connection between the gasket and the cylinder head.

45 (new). The fixing pin according to claim 19, wherein:

said at least one long retaining tooth is a plurality of long retaining teeth; and

said long retaining teeth have integrally formed lugs, at least one of said long retaining teeth and said lugs forming a virtually closed ring.

46 (new). The fixing pin according to claim 44, wherein:

said plurality of retaining teeth include relatively long retaining teeth and relatively short retaining teeth;

said long retaining teeth have integrally formed lugs; and

at least one of said long retaining teeth and said lugs form a virtually closed ring.

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings are to replace the drawings filed with the application on November 5, 2003. Annotated sheets and replacements sheets are submitted herewith.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets
 Annotated Sheets Showing Changes